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From my CHAMBERS, Lincoln's-Inn.

The Continuation of the PRUDE REFORM'D, *begun in our last.*

Enter Sir Harry *and* Tattle, *followed by Mr.* Bloom.

Mr. BLOOM.

LADIES, the Knight would pay his Devoirs; and the facetious Mr. *Tattle* would have something *en juste debonair* to set you all in a Laugh.

Tattle. Never fear but we keep them up in their Glee.

Mr. Bloom. Well, I'll leave ye over your *Tea* and *Songs*.

Sir Hen. And you to the *Tennis-Court*. [*Ex.* Bloom.

Tattle. O dear Mrs. *Bloom*, *Jack* is not so frequently at home I think as he us'd to be.

Mrs. Bloom. But, Mr. *Tattle*, I think your Friend's Domestic Affairs don't concern you.

Tattle. Nay, nay, I have done: I am mute as a Whale: Take the Knight among ye, and get a Song [illegible] from him.

Last Week died, at Waldeshare in Kent, Newis Fairfax, *Esq*; a Gentleman of great Learning & Piety, who was possess'd of an Estate near that Value of 1500*l*. a Year.

Last Week died, at Tarvin in Cheshire, the Re Mr. Isaac Ward, many Years Vicar of that Pla who was [illegible] belov'd, by [illegible] Flock.

I Not Me your Charms can kill;
And though a mighty Pain they spread,
Yet Life's not in *Your* Will.

Why in a Rage?—near lost your Breath?
You every Charm still wear;
And though they cannot give me *Death*,
They can much worse——Despair.

Here *Polly* laugh'd, cry'd, Let's no more,
Nor put a double Face on;
For after *Tuesday*, *Jack*, all's o'er,
And *Delia's* Mistress————MASON.

Tattle. Umph! very well sung: But have the Critics nibbled at it?

Sir Hen. Why, it was objected that the last Stanza was too familiar: But let the Author and them settle that together.

Ladies all. Sir *Henry*, we thank you. [*All rise.*

Sir Hen. Your Servant Ladies.

Censure. Our next Day is at the *Prude's*; we shall there meet with some Diversion that is odd:——And till then adieu. [*Exeunt.*

SCENE *changes to a Bed-Chamber.*

A Toilet set out with Pen, Ink, and gilt Paper, and many Letters scatter'd up and down.

Enter Formalla *and* Lucia.

Formalla. You have now, *Lucia*, the whole Secrets of my Heart. I have receiv'd a Letter of such a Nature from Mr. *Gripe*, who was my humble Servant in the Year Thirty; and I am determin'd, *Lucia*, not to let him slip through my Fingers twice; and I hope, after all my Campaigns in Gallantry, that I shall make a snug Retreat.

Lucia. Ah, Madam, Mr. *Gripe* is a very good Sort of a Man; and if you can find the Art of not being too fond of him at first, you may get what you will by seeming fond of him afterwards.

Form. He will be here by and by on a private Visit; in which I hope the whole Affair will be ended as I can wish.

Lucia. Madam, I wish you Success; but can you stand the Railery of the Town.

Form. I have prepar'd myself for that, and I shall be no more asham'd to jog of a *Saturday* Afternoon to some Country-House in my little Dearey's Chariot, than roll along in a Landau to *Tunbridge* or *Scarborough*.

Lucia. Ay, that will do, Madam, there is no Doubt of your Art to manage a Man who desires nothing but to be deceiv'd by Fondness.

Form. I shall for the Future only consult my Interest; and do you remember, Girl,

In oft' denying you commit Mistake,
Take Care, your last Stake may your Fortune make.

Lucia. I will not let it run so far.——Hark, a Coach stops.——'Tis Mr. *Gripe*.

Formalla. Leave us after he has been a Minute or two here.

Enter Mr. Gripe; Formalla *rises, and they salute with great Ceremony.* Lucia *retires, and Mr.* Gripe, *with* Formalla, *sits down.*

Gripe. My good Friend, Mr. *Plumb*, your Uncle, and I have done more by a Treaty, in a few Hours, than all the Politicians of Empires and Kingdoms in *Christendom* wou'd in ten Months.——You know, Madam, the Conditions.

Form. I do.

Gripe. You are not to laugh at the Sight of Flannels.

Form. I'll help you on and off with them.

Gripe. When I lay the Calfs of my Legs away, you shall not shew any Surprize.

Form. I will settle them every Morning, and smooth up every Seam.

Gripe. Then, *Formalla*, as to——Umph!——Umph! You know what.——

Form. Well, never trouble your Head about that; that will give me no Uneasiness.

Gripe. Then, Madam, I am to let you know that you and I are to be espous'd this Evening.

Form. This Evening!

Gripe. More polite.

Form. I am wholly at my Uncle's Direction.

Gripe. He now waits for us at a Tavern near the *Commons*: He says it would be best to bring *Lucia* with you.

Form. My Uncle shall in no Point be contradicted. [*Aside*] This is as I can wish; I shall govern despotically, while he thinks of being Governor in Chief. [*Exeunt.*

After some Pause the Scene discovers Mrs. Bloom *and Mrs.* Censure *at Tea.*

Mrs. Bloom. You surprize me! *Formalla* marry'd to Mr. *Gripe!* strange, indeed!

Censure. 'Tis true; and what will surprize you more, Mr. *Gripe* and she is coming to visit you: Nay, here they are.

Enter Gripe *leading* Formalla.

Censure. Joy! Joy! Mr. *Gripe* and your Lady, Joy. But how came it that you stole a Wedding.

Form. I have heard an old Song say,
Marry, marry, while you may;
Cupid's Shafts, and *Time's* keen Scyth
Soon destroy the Gay and Blith:
In manliest Spirits Love is rough;
In Men of Business 'tis all Stuff:
Yet most are willing, in a Corner,
To imitate fly Master *Horner*.
In youthful Marriage Love is strong,
And they could fondle all Day long.
When Love creeps into Mid-age Veins
It slowly burns, and long remains:
So Mr. *Gripe* and I will prove
Examples of a sober Love.

All. We wish ye Joy of being at last in the State of Wedlock.

Mr. Gripe. Well, Ladies, I shall keep my Day, and send you Word when.

Maidens, at latter Marriage be alarm'd,
The Prude but just in Nick of Time reform'd.

To the SPECTATOR.

SIR, *Sept.* 5, 1743.

MR. *Francis Townly* is a young Gentleman of my Acquaintance, for whom I have too much *Respect* to be easy while he is doing an ill Action: Which has given me the Occasion of troubling you with *this*. Since first I saw this unhappy Gentleman I have had as sincere a *Friendship* for him as if he had been my own Brother; for he was a Man of a very *genteel Behaviour*, tho' always so unfortunate to be of an *unhappy*, *gay*, *extravagant Temper*. But now he is more miserable than ever; for his former bad Conduct has render'd him unable to support himself, which makes us fear he may engage in some *unhappy Affair* that may prove his utter *Destruction*. And what confirms us in our Fears, is, we are inform'd, that since he has left us he has got acquainted with a young Fellow guilty of *every Crime* that may make a Man miserable *here* as well as *hereafter*. Judge, if possible, the general Sorrow of Mr. *Townly's* Family, on hearing this News: And for myself, my being *Witness* of their Grief, and the *Friendship* I had for that unfortunate Man, makes my Life quite *uneasy*. When I hear any Noise in the *Street*, I think it is him dragg'd by a *rude Mob* to *Prison*, for Crimes nothing but *Distraction* could ever make him commit. If he has any of his former *generous good Nature* left, the *Affliction* of his Friends, with some of your good *Advice*, it is possible might reclaim him; which would give a sincere Pleasure to his eternal Well-wisher, and

Your humble Servant,
The afflicted FIDELIA.

I can only wish that this Letter may come to the Hands of the Gentleman meant, and then, if he has any of that good Nature left which the Lady mentions, I cannot doubt of its having some Effect without any of my Advice in form.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Petersburg, *Aug.* 17. We were a good while uncertain whether the Empress would, or would not, send a Body of Troops into Germany; but at last (about three Weeks ago) her Imperial Majesty hearing of the various Reports spread on this Occasion, declar'd that they were groundless, and that she had not given any Orders for marching Troops to Germany. Several Court Ladies having mention'd these Reports to the Empress, receiv'd the same Answer. Two of those Ladies being a few Days after at an Assembly, held at the House of a Person of the first Rank, dropp'd some Expressions, very ambiguous indeed, but which nevertheless, gave Cause of Suspicion: At the same Time the Privy-Counsellor Lestoc received some secret Intelligence, which the Empress order'd him to dive into. The Inquiries made on this Occasion have led to the Discovery of a Chain of such uncommon Intrigues, that one cannot conceive

how People, whom her Imperial Majesty honour'd with her Favour and Good-Will, could give Way to such Notions. The Papers found upon them and in their Houses have been deliver'd to three Commissaries, whom the Empress has charg'd to unravel this Affair; which Commissaries are, Prince Trubetskoy, General Usenakoff, and M. Lestoc Among these Papers they have found two very important Letters relating to the Affairs of Germany.

Among the Persons taken into Custody are, the Prince and Princess Gagarin, the Chamberlain Lilienfeldt, two other Chamberlains, four Officers in the Guards, an Under-Secretary of State, and eight or ten Ladies. One of the Ladies underwent a long Examination the 15th Instant, on the Subject of a Letter found in her House, which relates to the last Negotiations of the Marquis de B——. Two Persons of Distinction have likewise been taken up at Moscow, one of whom is M. Lapouchin.

Turin, Aug. 26. Fresh Proposals have been made to the King, in the Name of his Catholick Majesty, for an Accommodation: But just in that Nick of Time two Couriers arriv'd from Vienna, on whose Dispatches the British and Hungarian Ministers had each of them a Conference with his Majesty; the former deliver'd him a Memorial concerning the present Situation of Affairs in the Empire, and the Views with which his Britannick Majesty has resolv'd to make his Troops act in Conjunction with those of the Queen of Hungary. The Count de Senecterre, Embassador from France, had, a few Days since, a private Audience of the King, about the Reasons which have induced his Most Christian Majesty to send Troops towards the Frontiers of Savoy.

Chamberry, Aug. 27. The whole Spanish Army has at last begun to march towards Piedmont: The Troops of the Camp at Montmelian began to file off the 22d Instant towards Maurienna, the Infantry leading the Way. The Troops that are still in Savoy have receiv'd Orders to join the Army forthwith, and no more than one single Regiment will be left in this Dutchy.

We hear that the French Troops, to the Number of 15 or 20,000 Men, have also begun their March towards the Valley of Barcelonetta, and as they bring with them a Train of 42 Pieces of Battering Cannon, it is thought they intend to lay Siege to Demont, which defends the Entrance to that Valley. While Part of these Armies is employ'd on that Side, the rest will march towards Briançon, in order to make the King of Sardinia divide his Forces.

Copenhagen, Aug. 31. The King has sent Orders into Norway, to post along the Frontiers the greatest Part of the Troops in that Kingdom, which make up about 18,000 Men. It is reckon'd that the Fleet will put to Sea before his Majesty returns to Friedericksbourg. Yesterday Morning his Majesty gave out Field Orders, appointed all the Adjutant-Generals, Quarter-Masters, &c. We expect To-morrow final Orders, especially since a large Remittance has been made to Hambourg from a certain Court for the Use of ours; which is the Fifth, in consequence of a private Treaty, which is suppos'd to have given Birth to this mighty Design.

Hambourg, Sept. 6. By our last Advices from Copenhagen we hear, that an Edict is publish'd there, importing, that all the King's Subjects shall pay two *per Cent.* of the Capital of their Possessions; that a Deduction of 20 *per Cent.* shall be made out of the Salaries or Pensions that exceed 2000 Crowns; that such Persons in his Majesty's Service, whose Salaries amount to 200 Crowns, shall pay two *per Cent.* that the People of Quality shall be divided into several Classes, and pay a Tax proportionate to their Rank and Employments; that Secretaries, Stewards, Valet de Chambres, &c. belonging to People of Quality, shall pay four Crowns each, and other Servants two Crowns; that those who possess Lands, as also the Clergy, Physicians, Lawyers and others, shall pay forty Crowns each. The Burghers and other Tradesmen are likewise tax'd; a Tax of two Crowns is laid on every Horse in Copenhagen, and the Duties on Wines and Brandies are rais'd, &c.

Gibraltar, June 29. The Plague is more violent than ever in Barbary; about seventy a Day die in Tetuan; and we have Advice from the General of the Spanish Camp, that the Sickness is got into Ceuta, and that they have sent a Physician and a Surgeon from Cadiz to enquire into the Nature of the Distemper, which it is suppos'd they will find to be the same that is in other Parts of Barbary. They have order'd Guards along the Spanish Coast, and make all Vessels from that Country perform Quarantain. The strictest Care is taken here to preserve this Place from the Contagion; and no Ship from that Country is admitted to perform Quarantain. The Garrison here is in good Health, and have Plenty of Provisions of all Kinds, except Beef, which we used to have from Barbary. We have now a thousand Sheep upon the Hill.

Vienna, Aug. 28. It is said that the Court has resolv'd to form an Army of Observation in Moravia of about 16,000 Men, and that Prince Lobkowitz is to have the Command of it, instead of going to Italy.

The Queen has resolv'd to demand of the Kingdom of Hungary 18,000 Foot and 12,000 Horse for next Year. Transilvania is to be rated at 6000 Foot and 4000 Horse; Bohemia at 12,000 Recruits; Austria the same Number; Moravia 5000; Carinthia, Carniola and Istria 5800; and that Part of Silesia which is left to her Majesty, is to furnish 500 Recruits; the Whole amounting to 75,300 Men.

Friburg in Brisgau, Aug. 31. The French fire upon our advanc'd Posts both Night and Day, and sometimes send us a few Bombs. The Count de Saxe's Army has been reinforc'd with 15 Battalions and 18 Squadrons.

Paris, Sept. 6. It is decided that the forty Ships, which the East-India Company is to furnish to the King, shall be taken into the List of the Royal Navy, and the Directors of the said Company are going to issue the necessary Orders in consequence thereof: This will certainly disappoint, for some Time at least, the Armaments which the Company propos'd to make; but if the Expedition, which the Court designs to undertake with those Ships, proves successful, the Proprietors will soon reap the Benefit of it; but if it should be unsuccessful, they must comfort themselves with the Thoughts that they themselves could not have made a better Use of those Ships, had they been left in their Hands.

They are actually making out at the War-Office the List of all the Militia in the Frontier Towns, in order to incorporate them in the old Corps; which when done, the 36,000 new Militia, actually raising, will be distributed in the said Towns.

From the Paris A-la-main, Sept. 9.

The 6th Instant, at Ten o'Clock at Night, a Courier, dispatch'd by Marshal Noailles, arriv'd at Versailles, with the News that Prince Charles having resolv'd, the 4th Instant, to pass the Rhine, sent over first 3000 Grenadiers in 132 Boats, in order to cover the Head of the Bridges he wanted to lay overagainst the Isle of Neubourg; that the Marquess de Balincourt, Lieutenant General, who commanded before that Island, caus'd those Grenadiers to be attack'd so warily, that they were all kill'd or drown'd, except 180 that were taken Prisoners. We lost but very few Men in this Affair.

We are assur'd that Marshal Noailles has Orders to attack the English before the Dutch join them.

We are likewise assur'd that no Militia will be rais'd in this City this Year, because of the Scarcity of Artificers, Manufacturers, &c. but that the several Companies of the City will pay a Sum of Money in lieu thereof.

We hear that the Streets of Thionville, Longwy and Sarre-Louis have been unpav'd.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Aug. 30. We hear that the Rev. Dr. Whitcomb, Bishop of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh, was married a few Days ago to Mrs. Congrave, Relict of Ambrose Congrave, of Waterford, Esq;

Last Saturday Night some wicked Fellows on Ormond-Bridge us'd a labouring Man in a most cruel Manner, they cut off his Lips, cut a Piece out of each Cheek, and both his Ears off; he was sent to the Infirmary, where he died soon after.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Aug. 30. A large Swarm of Thieves and Robbers have lately come over from Ireland and overspread a great Part of the West Country, where they do a great deal of Mischief: They have kill'd a Man in the Parish of Old-Munkland, and wounded another very dangerously in the Head. Above 20 of them were lately apprehended in a Wood, and another Gang near Kilsyth, together with three Women, their Accomplices, one of whom, to avoid Discovery, was observ'd to drop a false Key, and a second, when search'd, had two loaded Pistols conceal'd under her Petticoats.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Exon, Aug. 29. Letters from Vigna, by the Lisbon Mail, say, that Capt. Brown, in the Port Merchant, of Topsham, bound to Oporto, fell in, off that Place, with two Spanish Privateers; in the Engagement Capt. Brown had the Misfortune to split one of his Guns and had two Men wounded; but the Ship fortunately getting under the Castle was preserv'd.

This Morning George Teague was executed at Havyiree for robbing the Barnstable Mail.

Bristol, Sept. 2. Last Thursday ended the Assizes for this City and County, which prov'd to be a Maiden one.

James Hoskins and John Field, for Sodomy, were order'd to remain 'till next Assizes, the Prosecutor absconding from his Recognizance, for whom a Reward of five Guineas is offer'd.

LONDON.

There are various Rumours concerning the *Resignation* of the Earl of STAIR, the true Cause of which we must leave to *Old Time*, who brings the most secret Things to Light, to exhibit according to his own *good Pleasure*. Meanwhile it must give the greatest Satisfaction to every Englishman to see with what prodigious quick Advances *Military Merit* has grown in his Royal Highness, who about two Years and a half ago was made a *Colonel*, and hath since gone thro' all the Degrees of Honour to the highest, the new Order of *Field-Marshal*.

It is both for the Dignity and Safety of *Princes* always to act by the Advice of *Council*. Prince George of Denmark, when Lord High Admiral, had a *Council* who suffer'd for the Mismanagement of the *Marine*.

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The Right Hon. the Earl of Stair, Field-Marshal of his Majesty's Forces in Germany, having lately resign'd his Employment, is speedily expected home.

We hear his Majesty has been pleas'd to create his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland a Field-Marshal, and Commander in Chief of the Allied Army: and to appoint General Honeywood, the Earl of Dunmore, and General James Campbell, to be as a Council to his Royal Highness for Military Affairs.

On Monday Night the Right Hon. the Earl of Rothes arriv'd at his House in Grosvenor-Square, from the Allied Army. And

On Tuesday the Hon. Col. Husk, who had his Heel shot off at the Battle of Dettingen, arriv'd at his House in Saville-Row.

The Lords of the Admiralty have order'd all Ships that are to compose the Fleet now rendezvouzing at Spithead, to repair thither immediately; the Fleet is to consist of two of 90 Guns, two of 80, four of 60, six of 50 and 40; besides two Bomb-Vessels and a Fireship.

By Letters from Ireland we have Advice, that the Board of Ordnance there have, in pursuance of an Order receiv'd from hence, given Directions for repairing all the Fortifications in that Kingdom immediately, particularly those on the Coast.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to appoint George Grant, Esq; late Major in Lord Semple's Regiment of Highlanders, to be Governor of Invernes.

Tuesday Morning 98 of the Highlanders, who had been confin'd in the Tower, were divided into three Companies, and escorted by 100 Soldiers, draughted out of Col. Fleming's Regiment, to Gravesend, there to be shipp'd for the following Places, viz. 30 for Gibraltar, 20 for Minorca, 20 for the Leeward Islands, and 28 for Jamaica.

We hear that upwards of 500 Marines are to be shipp'd for Anapolis in New England with all Expe-

dition, for which Service a Man of War of fifty Guns is appointed.

On Tuesday last came on the Election of a Sheriff for the City of Norwich: The Candidates were Mr. Rogers, a Weaver, and Mr. Bates, a Brewer, the former of whom was chosen by a Majority of 224.

A few Days since Edward Ford, of Chertsey in the County of Surrey, Esq; an eminent Brewer, was married to Miss Place of Guilford, a near Relation of the late Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice Reeves, a Lady of fine Accomplishments, with a Fortune of 15000 l.

Last Sunday ——— Price, Esq; was marry'd at St. Albans to Miss Houghton, Daughter and Heiress of Theodosius Houghton, of Bedford, Esq; a Lady of fine Accomplishments with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

Sunday was married, at St. Paul's, Deptford, Mr. Ailesford, an eminent Timber-Merchant at Rotherhith, to Miss Salley Saunders of Tower-Street, a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 5000 l.

Wednesday se'nnight died, in an advanc'd Age, at her Seat at Albury, near Guilford in Surrey, Elizabeth Countess Dowager of Ailesford: Her Ladyship was Relict of Heneage Finch, first Earl of Ailesford, (second Son of Heneage, Earl of Nottingham) created Baron of Guernsey, March 15, 1702-3, and Earl of Ailesford, October 26, 1714, and died the 22d of July 1719. Her Ladyship was Daughter and one of the Coheirs of Sir John Fanks, of Ailesford in the County of Kent, Bart. and Mother of the present Earl of Ailesford.

Last Week died, at his Seat at Kettlethorpe in Lincolnshire, that true and worthy Patriot Charles Hall, Esq; who was, in the Year 1727, chose Member of Parliament for the City of Lincoln, and voted against that pernicious Scheme call'd the Excise Bill: He was a Lover of his Country, and could never be bias'd from his Integrity (though often solicited.) He is greatly regretted by all who had the Pleasure and Knowledge of his Company; and much lamented by the Poor, to whom he was a generous Benefactor.

Last Week died, at Waldershare in Kent, Newton Fairfax, Esq; a Gentleman of great Learning and Piety, who was possess'd of an Estate near that Place of 1500 l. a Year.

Last Week died, at Tarvin in Cheshire, the Rev. Mr. Isaac Ward, many Years Vicar of that Place, who was greatly belov'd by the Parishoners for his Affability and Condescension.

On Sunday Morning died, of an Apoplectick Fit, Mr. Stephen Roome, an eminent and wealthy Undertaker in Fleet-street.

On Sunday last died at Hampstead, Mr. Snowden, an eminent Attorney of Clifford's Inn, a Gentleman in great Practice, and much esteem'd for his polite Behaviour.

Last Sunday died, at his House at Walthamstow, Thomas Dover, Esq; a Gentleman of a good Estate in the County of Essex.

Last Tuesday died of the Gout in his Head, at his Country House at Chislehurst in Kent, Mr. James Coulter, an eminent wholesale Linnen-draper, and late Deputy of Cornhill Ward.

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Monday about Noon a Boat, with four Men, two Women and a Boy, ran foul of the Sterlings at London-Bridge and was stav'd to Pieces, by which Accident the Boy and one of the Women were drown'd; the other five were happily preserv'd by the Assistance of some Boats that immediately put off from the Shores.

Thursday se'nnight an unhappy Accident happen'd at Mr. Jackman's, a Timber-Merchant in Tyburn-Road; Mr. Brown, a Butcher in Bloomsbury-Market, having sent two of his Sons with a Cart for a Pair of Blocks, the Horses of a sudden took Fright, by which Accident the Cart was overturn'd, and one of the Boys kill'd upon the Spot, and the other dangerously wounded.

Last Week an unhappy Accident happen'd near Hadleigh in Suffolk, viz. one Bautry, said to be a Smuggler, and Mr. Goodall a Farmer, meeting in the Road, a Dispute happen'd about giving the Way, which being carry'd high, both dismounted and fought, when Bautry, finding himself overmatch'd, took a Pistol out of his Pocket and fired at Mr. Goodall, whom he miss'd, but shot one George Hows (a Man who was standing at a small Distance to see the Combat) thro' the Body, of which Wound he instantly died, leaving a Wife and four Children unprovided for. Bautry then mounted his Horse and rode off without his Hat and Wig to Hadleigh, where he got others and then rode on.

Last Monday Night a young Woman, who was Servant to a Shopkeeper in Ludgate-Street, shot herself thro' the Breast with a Pistol, which she took out of her Master's Bed-Chamber, and died immediately. She came from Richmond in Yorkshire but very lately, and had some Words with her Brother in the Morning concerning her Sweetheart, which 'tis thought was the Occasion of this rash Action.

Last Week the Boatswain of the Scipio Fireship was try'd by a Court-Martial (on board the Sandwich Man of War at Spithead,) of which Admiral Stewart was President, and condemn'd to die, for leaving the said Ship and not performing Quarantain, pursuant to an Order of the Lords Justices.

Last Week Thomas Leach was committed to Bridewell, by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, on the Oath of Mr. Willis, a Grocer opposite the Mansion-House, for carrying him a pretended Order for Goods from Ely in Cambridgeshire; a great Number of Shopkeepers have been serv'd in the like Manner within these few Days, from each of whom the Fellow got a Shilling for Porterage.

Last Sunday, about Nine at Night, Mr. Frayer, near St. George's-Church, Hanover-Square, was attack'd by five Villains in Maddox-Street, who robb'd him of his Money, tore the Chain from his Watch, beat him in a terrible Manner, and then made off.

On Saturday Night last, about Eight o'Clock, a Gentleman going through Fleet-street, had his Pocket pick'd of his Handkerchief by a Boy of about 17 Years of Age, whom he detected in the Fact, and saw him put it into his Bosom; upon seizing him, and putting his Hand into his Shirt where he saw it lodg'd, found there were several of them, but miss'd his own; the Noise the Boy made brought several more of the Gang, to the Number of 30 or upwards, who attack'd the Gentleman with Bludgeons and Sticks, and tho' he made a vigorous Resistance with a Cane, was so beat by the Villains, that if he had not providentially got into the Sugar Loaf Alehouse, from the Blows he receiv'd, and the frequent Cry of shoot him, kill him, knock him down, it was apprehended they would have been as good as their Words.——So flagrant an Instance of the Resolution of these Rogues at so early an Hour, and in this Season of the Year, gives a very melancholy Prospect of what is to be expected in the Winter, if some proper and timely Method is not found out to destroy or prevent them.

Tuesday Mr. West a Carpenter, and Mr. Silk a Bricklayer, of Blacks-Fields, Southwark, going in a Chaise to Wandsworth, were attack'd by four Foot-pads, habited like Sailors, on Clapham-Common, who took from them their Hats and Wigs and 13 s. in Money, and then made off.

On the 1st of September, N. S. the strong City of Ingolstadt in Bavaria was surrender'd to General Bernclau: The Articles were sign'd at Three in the Afternoon, and a Gate was to be deliver'd up at Seven.

Baron Mentzel had penetrated farther into Lorrain, but for an Accident that befel him at Bockenheim, where he met with seven Mules laden with Gold, for the Payment of the Troops. They were attended by a strong Escort of Dragoons, whom the Baron first beat, and then possess'd himself of the Money. A few Hours after he receiv'd an Express, by which he was directed to return immediately to the Army of the Allies.

Orders having been sent, by the French King, into Lorrain, to hang up any of Baron Mentzel's Hussars that fall into the Hands either of the Peasants or of the Regular Troops; Baron Mentzel immediately declar'd, that if any Body presum'd to execute such an Order upon any one of his People, he would hang, without Distinction, all the Peasants, Officers and Soldiers, that fell into his Hands.

His Prussian Majesty has lately taken a Resolution of augmenting his Forces to 140,000 or 150,000 Men; and to do it expeditiously, he has taken a Mecklenbourg Regiment, which had been some time in the Emperor's Pay, into his own. On the 10th of September, N. S. he sets out for Bareith and Anspach, and some Advices from Berlin say, he will also go to the Baths of Aix la Chapelle.

The Utrecht Gazette tells us, that Lord Theodord is come back to London; but that it appears he has quite laid aside his Projects about Corfica.

The Farmer's Adventure, Penny, from South Carolina for Portugal, was taken the 29th of July last by a Spanish Privateer of 12 Carriage Guns and 8 Swivels, off Cape Finistre, call'd the Santa Fides, but afterwards retaken by the Wolf Sloop of War.

Letters from on board the Victor, Giles, just arriv'd at Bristol from Oporto, advise, that she was chas'd by a Spanish Privateer, call'd the Princess Schooner, about 60 Leagues off Oporto, from whom she had the good Luck to escape; but the Henry and Betty, Parker, for Chester, who was in Company with her, was taken and carry'd into Ferrol.

Tuesday came Advice, that the Preston Man of War was arriv'd at Spithead from St. Helena; and that she had left his Majesty's Ship the Dover, with the five following Ships from India, in the Chops of the Channel, viz. the Princess Mary, the Augusta, the Wilmington, the Onslow and the Houghton.

The same Day Advice came to the India-House, that the Winchester, Capt. Steward, (who was in Company with the Princess Louisa when she was lost on the Isle of May) was run on the Sands at the Brasils; that they had got the Loading safe on Shore, and were endeavouring to refit her; but if that should be found impracticable, the Goods are to be sent to Lisbon, and there dispos'd of.

The same Day came Advice, that the Minerva, Cloud, and the Elizabeth, Quarme, both from Carolina for London, are taken by a Spanish Privateer, call'd the Santa Fides Magdelana, of 16 Carriage Guns and 20 Swivels, and carry'd into Cadiz.

Tuesday came Advice that his Majesty's Ship the Monmouth, Capt. Wyndham, was arriv'd off Dover with a rich Register Ship, call'd the St. Jaichim, bound from Cadiz to La Vera Cruz, laden with Quicksilver, Iron and Bale Goods: She was taken the 7th of August off the Canaries.

The same Day came Advice that the Providence, Alpine, from Jamaica, was arriv'd at Bristol: She came out the 20th of June with a Fleet of 30 Sail, under the Convoy of two Men of War.

Extract of a Letter from on board his Majesty's Ship the Augusta in Plymouth Sound, dated Aug. 30.

'In June last we receiv'd Orders to cruize along 'the Spanish Shore, which has prov'd both pleasant 'and profitable, having taken three Prizes: The first 'was a Snow, whose Cargo consisted chiefly of Havanna Snuff, which we took out of her at Sea, but 'paid the Master his Freight, and then let her go, 'she being a French Bottom. The second was a Brigantine, who say they are French, but can give 'no Account where they had the Vessel; her Cargo 'is Wine. And on the 21st Instant we met a Ship, 'of between two and three hundred Tons, that had 'several Spanish Gentlemen on board, whom we 'have treated with the greatest Civility, and brought 'them safe into Plymouth. Her Cargo consists of 'Cochineal, Indigo, and other valuable Goods: Besides we have found one hundred and eighty thou'sand Pieces of Eight, and several Bars of Gold in 'her; so that she is a very rich Prize. You may 'depend on this for Truth, according to the general 'Account on board us.'

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, dated Sept. 4.

'Capt. Carteret being in Chace of a Spanish Pri'vateer on the Coast of Spain, it became a sudden 'Calm, whereupon he hoisted his Barge and Yaul 'out to tow the Ship, and at the same time got 'out his own Oars; but they proving too short the

Enemy escap'd. Soon after the Captain discover'd a small Boat, and upon hoisting French Colours, and firing a Gun to Leward, as if a Friend, the Spaniards came on board and were made Prisoners. The Captain promis'd them their Liberty provided they would inform him where he might meet with any Privateer, or other Spanish Ships: They told him there was a Schooner and another Vessel in St. Martino's Harbour, for which Place they sail'd directly, and kept a continual Fire on the Enemy, from the Mouth of the said Harbour, whilst the Lieutenant and the Boat's Crew scuttled the Schooner, cut the other's Cables and tow'd her out. She is brought in here, is about 50 Tons, and is loaded with Iron Ore.

'P. S. This young Gentleman lately took one of the most mischievous Privateers that belong'd to Spain and carry'd her into Plymouth.

From New-England we have Advice, that they are pester'd there with strolling Preachers, of the same Stamp with those we have here, which plainly appears by a Letter from a very worthy Gentleman, dated last June, wherein, after acquainting his Friend in London with several Matters, and the general Health and Peace of the Country, he proceeds as follows, viz.

'In many Parts of our Country there are great Disorders among the People, even to the breaking up of some Churches and Societies, by reason of the *New Light Religion* spread amongst us by *Whitefield* and his Followers; in some Places almost as bad as it was at Salem in * 1692. The Persons seiz'd with the *Spirit*, as they call it, act pretty much as the *Afflicted* did then, and by some is call'd a Spiritual Witchcraft; at present there is a very melancholy Prospect, the Ministers themselves have been left to fall into many foolish Things, under a Notion of Zeal for Religion; and there are several Societies of what we call *Separatists*, People who forsake the Houses of their stated Worship and Communion and meet by themselves, and a gifted (or rather conceited) Brother sets up for an Exhorter; for they don't allow of Ministers and Preachers that have regular studied Discourses, but are much like the Quakers, who indeed are so bad that the Quakers will not own them. I pray God send us a good Issue of these Things.

* *In* 1692 *a most notorious Delusion prevail'd in* New-England, *and at the Assizes a. Salem several innocent Persons were hang'd upon a Pretence of their practising* Witchcraft.

From the London Gazette.

Admiralty-Office, Sept. 1. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have receiv'd an Account, that Capt. Cornish, of his Majesty's Ship the Guernsey, cruizing off of Malaga, met with a Spanish Privateer to the Eastward of Cape de Gat, of 22 Carriage Guns, 30 Swivels, and 160 Men, which he chased and run ashore under a small Fort, which he batter'd, sunk the Ship, and took the Small Arms and every Thing out of her: She was one of the largest Privateers belonging to Malaga. Capt. Cornish has since destroy'd a Barcolongo Privateer of ten Guns, belonging to the same Place.

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